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### **The President's "Domestic Energy Agenda"**

Recently, President Bush released his plan for dealing with climate change. After years of denying the seriousness of the issue and refusing to use the term "global warming," the President's plan still puts the energy industries first, barely addresses renewable energy and does little to actually combat global warming.

It is good to see that President Bush finally joined the conversation, but his change of heart is too little, too late to restore his failed record on the environment and his proposal would do too little, too late to effectively combat global warming. The New Direction Congress has taken the first steps to reverse the failed energy policies of the past, committing instead to clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency that will reduce harmful emissions that contribute to global warming, bring skyrocketing energy costs back under control, create new, good-paying jobs, and put America back on the path toward economic growth and prosperity.

The overwhelming scientific evidence makes clear that global warming is a real phenomenon, and that human activities play a significant role. Problems related to global warming affect our environment, our economy, and our national security, and Congressional Democrats know that now is our time to act. To learn more about global warming and what I'm working on in Congress click [here](#) .

### **Asian Pacific American Islander Small Business Forum**

On Thursday, Congressional Democratic Leadership held the first-ever Congressional Democratic Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Small Business Forum in celebration of National Small Business Week.

This Forum brought together a cross-section of AAPI small business interests from across the county, including San Jose's Sang Nhin, to engage in a dialogue about the policy priorities and challenges faced by the AAPI small business community.

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Congressional Democrats are committed to ensuring that minority-owned firms grow and thrive by increasing access to and expanding existing resources for minority small businesses. I believe that all of the ideas and concerns we heard at the Forum will help us shape sound policies that will benefit the entire small business community. For more information about the Small Business Forum, click [here](#).

### Small Business Bill

In conjunction with National Small Business Week, the House passed legislation to modernize and expand the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Research Programs [H.R. 5819](#). These changes will help small businesses grow the economy and make them an even bigger player in technology innovation.

#### [SBIR](#)

is the Federal government's largest small business research and development program, and this reauthorization increases funding for small research firms by half a billion dollars.